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The Honorable Richard J. Sullivan  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square, Room 2104  
New York, New York 10007-1312

**VIA ECF & EMAIL**

**Re: *Gonyer v. Vane Line Bunkering, Inc.*, Case No. 13 Civ. 8488 (RJS)**

Dear Judge Sullivan:

We write to request a status conference.

Plaintiffs assert the several additional plaintiffs who joined this case prior to Mr. Gonyer's acceptance of Vane Line's offer of judgment are entitled to continue this case. But, presumably based on its assertion that Gonyer's "acceptance of Defendant's Offer constitutes a final judgment," Vane Line is refusing to participate in the discovery process. As a result, this case has been at a standstill for nearly two months.

Given the realities of the Southern District's "related case" rules, as well as the difficulties faced getting this case under way, Plaintiffs believe it would be more efficient to proceed with their existing case. But, one way or another, the claims of these tankermen must be prosecuted. We therefore request a conference with, and guidance from, the Court.

Thank you for the Court's consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ **Rex Burch**

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cc: Counsel of Record (via ECF and Email)